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Survey  
Results  
Included

- Cattle on Feed
- Livestock Slaughter
- Monthly U.S. Livestock and Meat Trade

Dear Cattle Feeders:

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LINCOLN, NE 68508Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2008-2009

State	December 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			November Placements			November Marketings			November Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	359	282	79	26	26	100	28	22	79	1	1	100
California	495	465	94	48	50	104	50	53	106	3	2	67
Colorado	1,010	1,060	105	185	165	89	130	140	108	5	5	100
Idaho	225	215	96	65	45	69	49	39	80	1	1	100
Iowa	500	560	112	92	108	117	75	85	113	2	3	150
Kansas	2,310	2,330	101	405	355	88	310	340	110	15	15	100
Nebraska	2,380	2,410	101	440	400	91	355	380	107	15	10	67
New Mexico	168	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	21	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	23	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	2	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
Oklahoma	335	375	112	69	57	83	52	53	102	2	4	200
South Dakota	220	235	107	57	67	118	35	35	100	2	2	100
Texas	2,810	2,760	98	510	455	89	395	405	103	15	20	133
Washington	169	172	102	36	47	131	29	29	100	1	1	100
Other States	365	418	<sup>4</sup>	62	70	<sup>4</sup>	44	50	<sup>4</sup>	3	2	<sup>4</sup>
United States	11,346	11,282	99	2,016	1,845	92	1,575	1,631	104	67	66	99

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>2</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. <sup>3</sup> New Mexico unpublished to avoid disclosure of individual operations, included in other states.

<sup>4</sup> Comparison to 2008 is not applicable.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, December 18, 2009

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity  
Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2008-2009

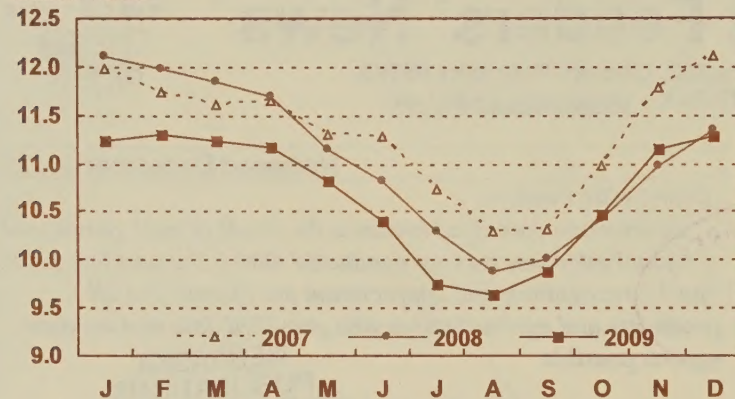
State	During November									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	50	40	55	50	40	35	40	40	185	165
Kansas	85	70	125	105	120	110	75	70	405	355
Nebraska	110	80	160	140	80	80	90	100	440	400
Texas	145	160	180	140	130	100	55	55	510	455
Other States	175	160	110	130	81	70	110	110	476	470
United States	565	510	630	565	451	395	370	375	2,016	1,845

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed December 18, 2009



**United States Cattle on Feed  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

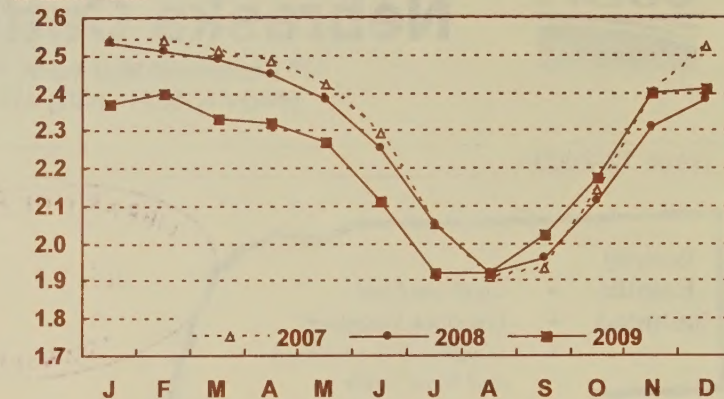
Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States<sup>1</sup>**

Class	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Nov 09 % of		Jan-Nov <sup>2</sup>		
				Nov 2008	Oct 2009	2008	2009	09 as % of 08
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Beef	1,933.1	2,239.2	1,988.1	103	89	24,148.7	23,495.4	97
Veal	10.9	11.9	11.5	105	96	126.8	122.3	96
Pork	1,873.7	2,073.6	1,908.4	102	92	21,133.1	20,856.8	99
Lamb & Mutton	12.2	13.4	13.5	111	100	151.1	146.7	97
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,830.0</b>	<b>4,338.2</b>	<b>3,921.4</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>45,559.8</b>	<b>44,621.2</b>	<b>98</b>

<sup>1</sup>Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. <sup>2</sup>Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter December 24, 2009

**Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States**

Item	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Jan-Nov <sup>1</sup>		Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Jan-Nov <sup>1</sup>	
				2008	2009				2008	2009
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
<b>Class<sup>2</sup></b>										
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers	1,137	1,360	1,193	15,678	14,990	45.9	48.1	46.7	50.3	49.9
Heifers	778	869	784	9,294	8,947	31.4	30.7	30.7	29.8	29.8
All Cows	514	547	533	5,644	5,599	20.8	19.3	20.9	18.1	18.6
Dairy Cows	208	227	209	2,362	2,584	8.4	8.0	8.2	7.6	8.6
Other Cows	306	320	324	3,281	3,015	12.4	11.3	12.7	10.5	10.0
Bulls & Stags	46	53	46	566	525	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,475</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>2,556</b>	<b>31,182</b>	<b>30,061</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Calves & Vealers	80	82	80	849	839	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows & Gilts	8,970	9,904	9,099	101,711	99,517	97.0	96.8	96.9	96.5	96.7
Sows	247	290	257	3,230	2,968	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.1	2.9
Boars	32	36	30	426	383	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>9,250</b>	<b>10,230</b>	<b>9,385</b>	<b>105,367</b>	<b>102,869</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature Sheep	9	23	20	111	144	4.8	11.6	9.8	5.1	6.8
Lambs & Yrlngs	171	178	181	2,070	1,962	95.2	88.4	90.2	94.9	93.2
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>180</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2,181</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup>Total and percentages based on unrounded data. <sup>2</sup>Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter December 24, 2009



### Beef, Choice Yield Grade 3: Retail, Wholesale, and Farm Values

Year	Retail value	Whole-sale value	Gross farm value	Byproduct allow-ance	Net farm value	Beef price spreads			Farmers' share	Five market steer price	Beef retail value
						Total	Wholesale-retail	Farm-Wholesale			
-----Cents / lb-----									%	\$/cwt.	Cents/lb
Annual averages											
2003	374.6	222.9	201.2	19.9	181.3	193.3	151.7	41.6	48.4	83.8	331.0
2004	406.5	218.9	203.5	19.8	183.7	222.8	187.6	35.2	45.2	84.8	361.2
2005	409.1	226.1	211.3	19.6	191.7	217.4	183.0	34.4	46.9	88.0	364.3
2006	397.0	228.0	206.6	19.3	187.3	209.7	169.0	40.7	47.2	86.1	361.3
2007	415.8	231.0	222.6	24.8	197.8	218.0	184.8	33.2	47.6	92.7	377.4
2008	432.5	234.7	223.2	26.2	197.0	235.5	197.8	37.7	45.5	93.0	396.7
Monthly values											
Jan-09	432.3	228.4	199.6	16.4	183.2	249.1	203.9	45.2	42.4	83.2	392.7
Feb-09	436.8	211.0	196.3	17.2	179.1	257.7	225.8	31.9	41.0	81.8	400.8
Mar-09	430.0	209.4	197.5	15.7	181.8	248.2	220.6	27.6	42.3	82.3	394.7
Apr-09	427.3	223.1	208.1	16.1	192.0	235.3	204.2	31.1	44.9	86.7	393.2
May-09	433.5	225.2	203.3	17.2	186.1	247.4	208.3	39.1	42.9	84.7	391.6
Jun-09	427.7	215.9	196.5	19.0	177.5	250.2	211.8	38.4	41.5	81.9	389.4
Jul-09	417.9	215.4	198.7	19.1	179.6	238.3	202.5	35.8	43.0	82.8	379.0
Aug-09	421.6	218.5	198.8	22.5	176.3	245.3	203.1	42.2	41.8	82.8	382.1
Sep-09	413.2	216.9	202.7	22.9	179.8	233.4	196.3	37.1	43.5	84.5	383.9
Oct-09	413.7	212.1	203.1	20.9	182.2	231.5	201.6	29.9	44.0	84.6	385.2
Nov-09	429.2	216.9	202.7	22.6	180.1	249.1	212.3	36.8	42.0	84.5	389.7

Source: Economic Research Service

### Feeder Cattle Supply Outside Feedlots

Item	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Change from previous year
On farms January 1:				1,000 head					Percent
Calves < 500 lbs.	15,753	15,545	15,200	15,215	15,339	15,311	15,118	14,943	-1.16
Steers over 500 lbs.	16,804	16,554	16,201	16,466	16,988	17,185	17,163	16,774	-2.27
Heifers over 500 lbs. <sup>1</sup>	10,057	9,891	9,756	9,690	9,788	9,914	9,793	9,650	-1.46
Total	42,614	41,990	41,157	41,371	42,116	42,410	42,074	41,367	-1.68
On feed January 1 <sup>2</sup>	13,944	13,122	13,816	13,829	14,286	14,528	14,741	13,773	-6.56
Feeder cattle outside feedlots on January 1 <sup>3</sup>	28,670	28,868	27,341	27,543	27,830	27,882	27,333	27,594	0.95
Slaughter January-March:									
Calves	238	262	227	198	167	212	212	239	12.76
Steers & heifers	6,874	6,683	6,439	6,228	6,453	6,571	6,626	6,274	-5.31
Total	7,112	6,945	6,666	6,426	6,620	6,783	6,838	6,513	-4.75
On feed April 1 <sup>2</sup>	14,024	13,201	13,206	13,300	14,310	14,159	14,252	13,773	-3.36
Feeder cattle outside feedlots on April 1 <sup>3</sup>	21,477	21,844	21,285	21,646	21,185	21,468	20,985	21,081	0.46
On farms July 1:									
Calves < 500 lbs.	29,400	28,900	28,600	28,700	28,700	28,500	28,200	27,800	-1.42
Steers over 500 lbs.	14,500	14,200	14,200	14,600	15,100	14,900	14,700	14,400	-2.04
Heifers over 500 lbs. <sup>1</sup>	7,900	7,700	7,550	7,500	7,800	7,900	7,800	7,700	-1.28
Total	51,800	50,800	50,350	50,800	51,600	51,300	50,700	49,900	-1.58
On feed July 1 <sup>2</sup>	12,425	11,737	11,739	11,925	12,420	12,621	12,153	11,551	-4.95
Feeder cattle outside feedlots on July 1 <sup>3</sup>	39,375	39,063	38,611	38,875	39,180	38,679	38,547	38,349	-0.52
Slaughter July-September:									
Calves	281	247	209	185	182	184	255		
Steers & heifers	7,678	7,870	6,934	7,204	7,218	7,219	7,089		
Total	7,959	8,117	7,143	7,389	7,400	7,403	7,344		
On feed October 1 <sup>2</sup>	12,347	12,085	12,161	12,036	13,014	12,895	12,278		
Feeder cattle outside feedlots on October 1 <sup>3</sup>	31,495	30,598	31,046	31,375	31,186	31,002	31,078		

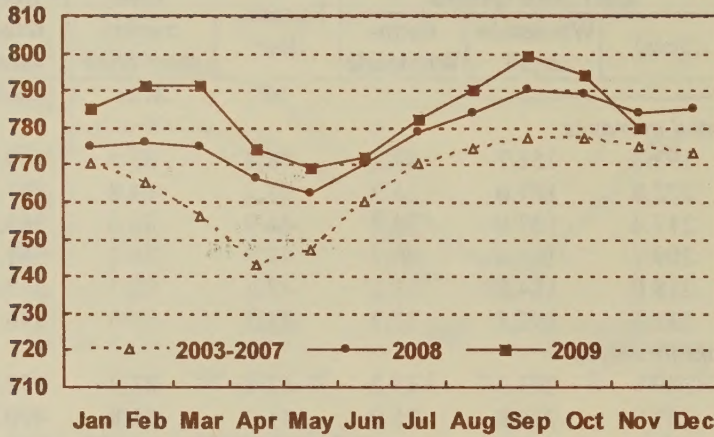
<sup>1</sup>Not including heifers for cow herd replacement. <sup>2</sup>Estimated U.S. steers and heifers. <sup>3</sup>Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Source: Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Outlook, ERS, USDA July 28, 2009



# **U.S. Cattle Carcass Weights Federally Inspected**

Pounds



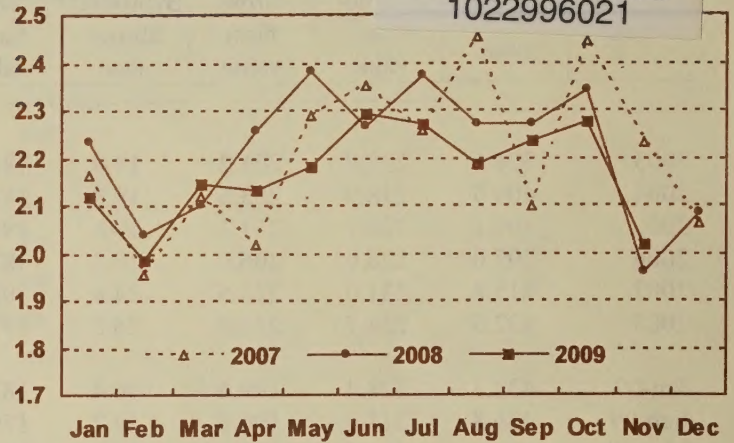
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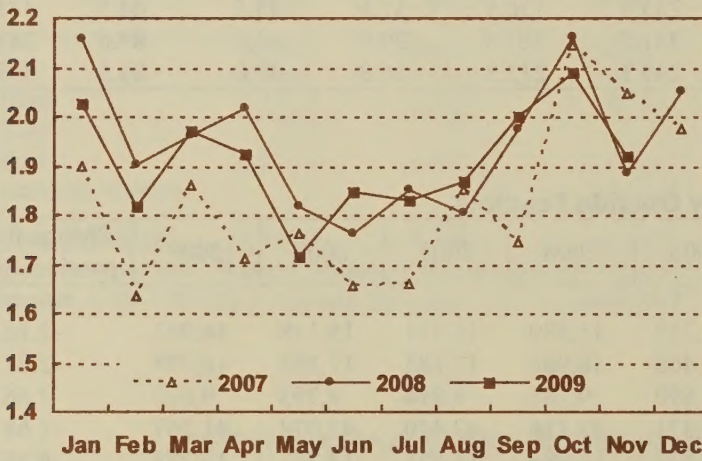
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Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

# **U.S. Commercial Pork Production**

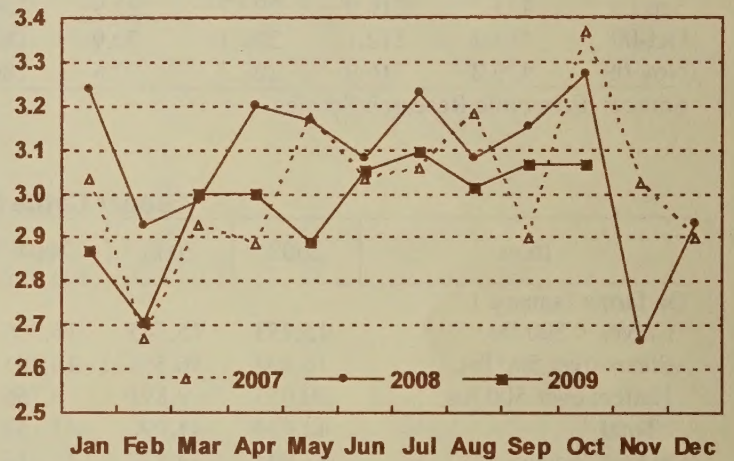
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# **U.S. Certified Broiler Slaughter**

Million lbs.



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